

AMERIGROUP/SUNFLOWER/UNITEDHEALTHCARE CRITERIA FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

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Iron Chelating Agents

PROVIDER GROUP Pharmacy

MANUAL GUIDELINES The following drug(s) require prior authorization:
Deferasirox (Exjade®)

CRITERIA FOR TRANSFUSIONAL IRON OVERLOAD: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient must be ≥ 2 years of age
- Patient must have been transfused with at least 100 mL/kg of packed red blood cells (e.g., at least 20 units of packed red blood cells for a 40-kg person)
- Patient must have a serum ferritin $> 1,000$ mcg/L

LENGTH OF INITIAL APPROVAL 3 months

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR TRANSFUSIONAL IRON OVERLOAD: (must meet all of the following)

- Serum ferritin is monitored monthly
- Serum ferritin is consistently > 500 mcg/L

LENGTH OF RENEWAL APPROVAL 6 months

CRITERIA FOR NON-TRANSFUSIONAL IRON OVERLOAD: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient must be ≥ 10 years of age
- Patient must have a serum ferritin > 300 mcg/L on at least 2 measurements one month apart
- Patient must have a liver iron concentration (LIC) ≥ 5 mg Fe/g dw (milligrams of iron per gram of liver dry weight)

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR NON-TRANSFUSIONAL IRON OVERLOAD (EXJADE ONLY): (must meet all of the following)

- Serum ferritin is monitored monthly
- Serum ferritin > 300 mcg/L
- LIC is monitored every 6 months
- LIC > 3 mg Fe/g dw

LENGTH OF APPROVAL 3 months